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N.Z.A.R.T. CALL SIGN BOOK, 1954

We have just received our copy of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters' "Break-In" Call Book, 1954, issue, and wish to record our appreciation of this very fine effort by the Editorial Committee of the N.Z.A.R.T.

To many readers, this publication will be just another very useful aid to Amateurs in pursuit of overseas contacts, but to those who have shared the hard work of producing the Australian Call Book, such an effort is fully appreciated and merits our congratulations to those concerned.

No doubt the Editorial Committee and other officers of the Association will confirm that the risks involved and the effort expended, was well worth while, if the Call Book proves of assistance to their fellow Amateurs in New Zealand and overseas.

In addition to a comprehensive list of N.Z. calls, covering the various districts of New Zealand, the book lists the names and addresses of non-transmitting members and also gives several useful operating hints. A list of DX C.C. countries is included and also a country prefix list, together with many interesting details of contest awards—overseas awards, etc.

Useful details of Standard Frequency Transmissions from WWV and also local Amateur Frequency Transmissions are given and also information is supplied on the working of the QSL Bureau, Amateur Frequency Allocations, Emergency Corps, Official Broadcasts, Official Observer Station Service, and Branch Secretaries' names and addresses.

The Wireless Institute of Australia has arranged to handle the sale and distribution of this Call Book and commends it to all Australian Amateurs as a valuable addition to their libraries.

It seems pertinent to us that our readers should be reminded that here again we have another instance of what can be done by a live association of Amateurs, who have concentrated their efforts through the N.Z.A.R.T. in the production of this splendid issue.

We believe that the Amateur in all countries is best served by the establishment of societies controlled by individual franchise, the fruits of whose efforts are generally seen in an improvement of Amateur Radio facilities and operating conditions such as we have outlined in this latest evidence of progress.

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COMMAND CONVERSIONS FOR FIVE BANDS

BY J. K. HERD,* VK3JK

BY now we are all very familiar with those popular pieces of disposals equipment known as the BC450/SCR274N/ARC5 series of transmitters and receivers. It is with the transmitters that this article will deal and it is to be hoped that someone who has had experience with the receivers will describe their alteration and uses later.

Of course a great deal has been written regarding the transmitter conversions in "CQ," "QST" and other American journals, but to cull and collate the relevant details is quite a job, even if they were all available for us to peruse.

Some of the following ideas were obtained from two "CQ" articles, one by Lt. Paul H. Lee, W4RXO (May, 1952) and the other by Herb. S. Brier, W9EGQ (February, 1954).

The main frequencies we wish to cover are 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 Mc., and a separate transmitter for each of these bands can be acquired by modifying the 4 to 5.5 Mc. unit (BC457A). However for the 7 Mc. and higher frequencies, the 5.3 to 7 Mc., or preferably 7 to 9.1 Mc., entail less work.

80 METRES Firstly for 3.5 Mc. For this band use the BC 457A. It is desirable to rewire the filaments for 12 volt operation by putting them all in parallel. But, before we do so, it will be simpler if we take out all the unnecessary bits and pieces as our first job. Now for the screw driver and small side cutters!

Take off the top cover and bottom plate and attack the variable antenna inductance and its associated relay and supports and carefully put the inductor to one side. Then turn the unit over and examine the chassis interior carefully, noting that the only wiring needed will be that for p.a. plate, p.a. screen, osc. plate and the filaments. Take out all wires associated with the small relay in the cathode circuit and the relay itself, as also the wires that run up to the antenna relay. The method of altering the filament wiring from series (for original 24 volt supply) to parallel for the proposed 11.3 to 12 volts, is quite obvious, but we must remove the resistor in clips on the rear wall as well as the quarter watt connected between pins 2 and 8 on the magic eye (1629).

Having dealt with the filaments and redundant wiring and earthed the 1625 cathodes, proceed to remove the shield can covering the osc. coil and padder condenser, topside. With the bisto spanner, release the grub screws on the locking washer attached to the shaft and drill a 1/8" hole in the can so that this shaft can be operated by a screw driver to reset the oscillator frequency.

By increasing the capacity in this condenser, the oscillator will go down to about 3.2 Mc. without further ado. The station receiver can be used for this purpose. Now unlock the grub screws on the p.a. padder condenser, so that it may be resonated with the oscillator frequency. The rotary link inside the p.a. tank coil now has one side earthed and the other can be run to the antenna terminal, or alternatively a co-axial connector can be used instead, with a piece of co-ax running therefrom to the rotary link. This is really preferable.

If it is desired to replace the original 7-pin female plug on the back drop of the chassis with a 5-pin valve socket, the original plug is removed by using a sharp screwdriver to release the turned over edge on that plug so that it can be pushed out. Then file the hole to fit the new socket and connect the wiring to it as follows:—

Group the B minus, earth and one filament wire to one pin, and on the other four solder the other filament (unearthed), p.a.b.t. plus, screen p.a. h.t. plus, and osc. h.t. plus. Having first temporarily replaced the oscillator shield can and set the padder, again remove the can and relcock the grub screws on

both this and p.a. padder unit. Replace the can and its screws, the bottom plate and upper cover; it is now ready to go on 3.5 Mc.

If one wishes to plug in a grid current meter or a key, use a phone jack or a pair of insulated pin jacks placed in front of the neutralising condenser on the side wall of the chassis. One side goes to the grid leak of the 1625s and the other is earthed. By using a 90 volt battery or a fixed bias supply, blocked grid keying is the ideal method for these little units. Up to 750 volts can be used for c.w. and 600 volts for phone, without danger of flashover in condensers.

40 METRES In this case preferably use the 7 to 9.1 Mc. unit or the 5.3 to 7 Mc., to save extra work other than the necessary removal of surplus pieces and wiring as described above, and the re-wiring of filaments. The 5.3 to 7 Mc. unit needs only re-setting of the padders to bring it from 5.3 up to 7 Mc. as further treatment, but the 3 to 4 Mc. or 4 to 5.3 Mc. units need extra attention in either of two ways.

One is to install a 12A6 in the crystal socket and a coil in the 1629 socket, either slug or condenser tuned, for

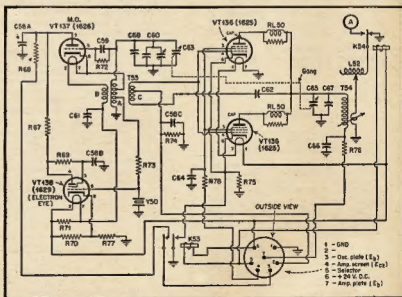


Fig. 1.—Circuit of the unmodified Command Unit. The following parts are identified:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| C58A, C58B, C58C—0.05 uF. | C67—Power amplifier padding. | R79—1,000 ohms. |
| C59—0.00018 uF. | C68—2 uF. | R81—125 ohms. |
| C60—Master oscillator padding. | C69—30 pF. | R75, R71—15,000 ohms. |
| C61—0.006 uF. | K23—Transmitter selector relay. | R77—300 ohms. |
| C62—Fixed neutralising. | K24—Transmitter output relay. | R78—51 ohms. |
| C63—Master oscillator tuning. | L25—Antenna loading coil. | RL50—Tantalum suppressors. |
| C64—0.002 uF. | R67, R73—15,000 ohms. | T23—Oscillator coils. |
| C65—Power amplifier tuning. | R68, R76—20 ohms. | T24—Amplifier coils. |
| C66—0.01 uF. | R69—1 megohm. | Y50—Crystal unit. |

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grid coil and adjusted for 6 Ma. grid drive. This job works as far as tripler output is concerned on 6 metres, but so far the p.a. has not been finished. When it is completed and operating, it will be the subject of a separate article.

OPTIONAL CRYSTAL CONTROL ON 80 OR 40 METRES

A plug-in adaptor (Fig. 3) is made which can be placed in the 1226 socket, and this tube is used then as the c.o. without disturbing the v.f.o. feature of the unit. V.f. control can be reverted to by removing the adaptor and replacing the 1226 when we wish to get the resonating crystals with our transmitters, we can use at least the holder and perhaps the crystal as well if it can be reground for 3.5 or 7 Mc.

With a hack saw carefully cut round the sealing can just above the base of the crystal holder and remove the can. This will disclose an excellent holder on an octal base. This can be used again if it and its crystals are considered suitable.

The adaptor is constructed as shown in Fig. 3 from scrap aluminium. An octal plug, made from the base of an old metal tube, is fitted to the bottom of this unit and an octal socket placed so that the 1226, when inserted, lies over the space where the crystal and magic eye were situated (latter tube is used is removed for crystal operation). A suitable crystal socket is fixed to the adaptor or in a position where it will not interfere with outer top cover when latter is replaced.

If, when operating phone with the 80 and 40 metre units, frequency modulation is noticed or suspected, a buffer stage can be inserted in a fashion similar to a 12A6 doubler stage, except in this case a 2.5 mh. r.f. choke is used to replace the tuned circuit in the plate. The buffer doubler in the other conversions will prevent the oscillator from being affected in this manner.

Depending upon the input used in these transmitters, an appropriate modulator can be employed for modulation of the plates and screens of the 1226s at 255 volts.

It is suggested that the circuit shown in Fig. 4 of the power supply be employed. By this means extreme variations in screen voltage can be avoided when employing c.w. The use of a dropping resistor between the p.a. plate supply to feed the screens is not advocated for telegraphy.

ANTENNA COUPLER

The antenna coupler here uses some of the discarded pieces from the various units. The 80 metre coil from the 3 to 5 Mc. or 4 to 5.3 Mc. units to series tune the antenna has turns removed so that the optimum antenna current for a particular frequency on 80 metres is obtained. A coil from the 5.3 to 7 Mc. or 7 to 9.1 Mc. units can be cut down and double spaced to parallel tune the coupler on 40 and 20 metres. For 15 and 10 metres air wound coils are used.

The all-band antenna here consists of a 56 feet flat top, centre fed by an open wire line 42 feet long and a suitable coupler, using disposal gear, is used.

Band changing with the units described, and the above coupler, is merely

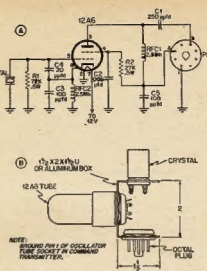


Fig. 3—This adaptor may be used with any Command transmitter by following the instructions given in the text. A partial structural view is shown in "B" and a schematic (parts list below) is shown in "A."

- Cl—258 pf. 000v. ceramic.
- C2—0.005 uf. 000v. ceramic.
- C3—100 pf. 000v. ceramic.
- C4—20 pf. 000v. ceramic.
- R1—22,000 ohm 1/2w.
- R2—27,000 ohm 1/2w.
- RFC1, RFC2—2.5 mh. r.f. chokes.
- PL—Octal plug, male (base of metal tube).
- V1—12A6 or 12X.
- Xtal—3.5 or 7 Mc. crystal.

Built-in U bracket bent of aluminium or aluminium box approx. 1 1/4 x 1 1/4 x 2 inches.

To use adaptor, ground pin 1 of 1226 tube in transmitter.

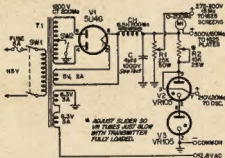


Fig. 4—Parts list and wiring schematic of a power supply suitable for use with the Command set transmitters. Although the rectifier tube is slightly overloaded, no damage should result if the primary of the transformer is fused. The oscillator voltage must be regulated for v.f.o. operation.

- T1—Power transformer, 000-0-000v. 200 Ma., 5v. 3 amp. 6.3v. 3 amp. 6.3v. 3 amp.
- C1—5 uf. 250 Ma.
- C2—The most desirable filter condenser for the power supply is an oil filled, 1,000v. unit with a capacity of 4 uf. or more. However, where economy is important, two 8 or 16 uf. electrolytic condensers connected in series may be used, with 100,000 ohm 1w. resistors across each one to equalize the voltage drops.
- R1—25,000 ohms, 50 watt, with slider.
- R2—15,000 ohms, 25 watt, with slider.
- SW1—S.F.S.T. toggle.
- SW2—S.F.S.T. toggle.
- SW3—S.F.S.T. toggle.
- Fuse—5 amp.

a matter of seconds and we have 100 watts available on five bands.

At this station, return to the old order of transmitters, which were in a constant state of alteration, would not be contemplated, under any consideration, apart from the tidy and simple appearance of the set-up. It is really ideal for the man with limited space for his gear.

MULTI-BAND ANTENNA

In closing, here is an idea for a four band antenna that is worth trying. Flat top 137 feet 8 inches long, and fed with 300 ohm line, 46 feet 6 inches from one end. The line is non-resonant and gives a fairly accurate match on all four bands without accurate impedance matching with an antenna coupler.

The following is a comment by Edmund H. Marriner, W6BLZ, from "CQ" of March, 1954.

"No graphs and no theory, but an antenna that works on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres. I have often wondered why someone doesn't publish a handbook with antenna dimensions worked out. Most of the fellows want to put up an antenna without plowing through a lot of formulae and graphs.

"Here is an antenna worked out by W5LFM so that it can be fed on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres with the 300 ohm point for the feeder at the same place for all bands. This lends itself to the use of 300 ohm twin lead.

"On 80 metres, the half wave antenna has a high angle of radiation. This is good, as many readers are interested in 200-300 mile contacts. On 40, 20 and 10 metres the angle decreases and comes out about right for DX on each band.

"This antenna is a version of the old single wire off-centre fed Hertz. It is fed with 300 ohm twin lead. The antenna must be cut to 137 feet 8 inches long. The antenna is fed at a point 46 feet 6 inches from one end. An insulator is inserted and the 300 ohm twin lead fastened and taped with electrical plastic tape. The antenna is made 137.7 feet specially so that it falls in the middle of the ten metre band at about 28.4 Mc.; which is the most critical band. It is very broad tuning on all other bands.

"There are several ways to couple the antenna into the transmitter. If a parallel tank is used, adjustment can be made by simply moving the link in and out. If a 50 or 70 ohm low-pass filter is used, it will be necessary to add a set up to match to the 300 ohm line.

"I have found that with this antenna there is less t.v.i. than when using end-fed Zepps where there is a large circulating current in the feeders.

"Near the ocean it is best to use No. 12 plastic house wire for the antenna. This solves antenna wire corrosion problems. The antenna will last much longer than when using enameled covered wires.

"Do not use rope to support the antenna or you will wake up one morning and find the twin lead wrapped around the antenna due to shrinkage of the rope. A swivel does not help very much. It is best to use wire to support the antenna and bring the wire right up to the pulley. The supporting wires should be broken every several feet with egg insulators so as not to unbalance the antenna."

WOY WOY FIELD DAY OF THE N.S.W. DIV. W.I.A.

The value of these organised Field Days has been evident this year as possibly never before and this 1954 Field Day at Woy Woy attracted a large gathering of Amateurs, their wives and families, not forgetting the XYLs from Sydney and Newcastle for the main part; Arthur 2ZP, journeyed from Inverell, but it was found that the road traffic was not so severe as in previous years and all appeared to make fast times on the trip.

The following attended: 2ASW, 2HZ, 2VC, 2YA, 2ARF, 2LK, 2KR, 2AKR, 2ABV, 2OT, 2ZP, 2EL, 2AQO, 2XT, 2OQ, 2ASE, 2AWQ, 2ACD, 2EO, 2YC, 2ZC, 2FP, 2AAB, 2YB, 2AOJ, 2JX, 2AVK, 2AKZ, 2AOR, 2XY, 2AUH, 2FM, 2AHA, 2DG, 2ANA, 2APX, 2AMQ, 2AEF, 2AEZ, 2AJ, 2AML, 2ZW, 2ACU, 2ABU, 2ANU, 2VU, 2KG, 2FU, 2YL, 2ZP, 2AJM, 2VU, 2D, 2AZN, 2NG, 2YR, 2TH, 2CE, 2APQ, 2EIO, 2AJZ, 2AAJ, 2AGD, 2SF, 2AET, 2AGO, 2ZAK, 2AGW, 2ACI, 2GR, 2CS, 2VY, David Hay, Bern Taylor, Ron Rudkin, Barry Rudkin, Cess Cronin, Athol Greenhalgh, Harry Cunningham, Richard Retallick, Norm Moody, Mr. Bailey, Mr. James, Norm Burton, XYLs, YLs, and children, all making a very satisfactory gathering.

The morning session was devoted to a general ragchew and registration, when all really got to know one another and many old friends met again in person and recalled the old times and possibly some of the old timers. Jim 2YC, our President, made the Sunday morning broadcast from 2KR, who incidentally, has moved from his old location, is now the other side of the back fence.

Following lunch, the arrival of "Admiral Issacs" and his Petty Officer, 2ABO and Alf, together with Greg 2ANP and Ian 2JI, was witnessed, the group having sailed by dead reckoning and rule of Thumb into the waterside wonderland, from Port Jackson. Their departure a half hour later was in humorous vein, and was a welcome visit to the Field Day. The weather had been quite poor, high winds and high seas, but their return trip was made without event.

Children's events were organised by 2YB and 2AOJ, the 144 Mc. tx Hunt organised by 2EO, and others were run, and the ladies' competition at the hotel were well supervised by 2YC and 2ACI. Raffles run during the day were handled by Ruth, Mrs. 2YC, and Val, Mrs. 2EL, organised the pick-the-valves competition.

Following an afternoon full of activity afternoon tea was taken by most assembled and various types of refreshment were obtainable, ice creams and drinks for the kiddies, tea for the ladies and a familiar brown fluid for the sterner sex.

The thanks of the Council go out to those who so willingly assisted to make the day a success: Bill 2HZ, Registration Officer; Cess 2KR, John 2GA, and Major 2RU, for their local organisation particularly; Mrs. Hardman, whose work in the kitchen is always a feature; Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Bourke; Dave 2EO on

the Tx Hunt; 2AOJ and 2YB on the Sports; Rod 2ACU in the back room; 2ASW, 2AAB, assisting with the registration; and 2AWQ and 2EL on the lucky dip; 2AEZ for the tape.

The prizegiving was conducted by the President, Jim 2YC, and the following were awarded to the fortunate recipients: Ladies' Lucky Number: 1st, Mrs. Harvey (2ACI); 2nd, Mrs. Whiting (2ACD); 3rd, Mrs. Storer (2GR); 4th, Mrs. Bourke (2EL). Musical Quiz: 1st, Mrs. Boyd (2AML); 2nd, Miss Quinton (2AZN). Pushing the Penny: 1st, Mrs. Swain (2CS); 2nd, Mrs. Smith (2AEL). 144 Mc. Tx Hunt: The tx was located at Saratoga and was not found, but the prize was awarded to 2AET and 2YU (Singleton). All Band Scramble: Harold 2AHA. Guest the Valves: 1st, Ken 2KG; 2nd, Harold 2AHA. Morse Test: 1st, Jim 2ZC; 2nd, Ken 2KG. Gents' Lucky Number: 1st, 2DG; 2nd, 2AGO. Pick the Voices: 1st, Ted 2ACD; 2nd, Mrs. Hay (2AGW).

Further lucky numbers were drawn and 60 members received prizes of valves, the President getting his number drawn only to get a cracked valve. Special prizes were drawn and were won by 2XO, 2ASE, Mrs. 2YC, 2EL and 2AZN.

BOOK REVIEW

RADIO CALLS OF THE WORLD

Published by the N.Z. DX Radio Association, 80 pages, Aust. price 4/9.

This is a list of 6,000 medium wave and 2,500 short wave broadcasting stations giving frequency, call sign, location and power. It is a handy little book to have around. On looking through it one finds that the short wave stations extend from 2.33 Mc. to 26.08 Mc., that YVLG is on 3.512 Mc., EQO on 3.797 Mc., a lot of stations in the 40 metre band, none in the 20 and 15 metre bands. Did you know that KCHS on 1400 Kc. is located at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico? Fascinating!

One obvious omission is the long wave broadcasting band. For completeness, I feel sure space could be found in future editions for these 17 stations lying between 155 Kc. and 281 Kc.—A.K.H.

PHILIPS TECHNICAL REVIEW AND PHILIPS COMMUNICATION NEWS

These two journals contain much of interest to the technically minded Amateur. In them will be found descriptions of the latest advances in communications as developed in the Philips Laboratories. In the copies on hand are found articles on carrier telephone systems, the international exchange of television programmes and the methods of changing from one set of standards to another, an instrument for measuring transmission times to 0.000,000,001 of a second, and the new photo flux flash bulbs.

Subscriptions for these journals should be sent to Messrs. Philips Electrical Industries of Australia Pty. Ltd., Philips House, 69-73 Clarence St., Sydney.—A.K.H.

CALL SIGNS

It has been noted with concern that there has been a growing tendency during recent months for licensees of Amateur Stations, particularly when engaged in telephony transmissions, to omit the prefix "VK" when announcing station call signs.

Such practice is, of course, not in accordance with International requirements, and contravenes the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations under which stations operate. Regulation 60 states that the licensee of an Amateur Station shall at all times transmit the full call sign allotted to the station concerned.

DX C.C. LISTING

PHONE

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK4HR	12 170	VK4RT	34 124
VK4BZ	3 168	VK4WJ	17 122
VK4SU	2 165	VK4DO	30 118
VK4P	21 164	VK4P	3 114
VK4SE	1 163	VK4MS	24 109
VK4JD	1 163	VK4CB	23 108
VK4GS	9 158	VK4JM	29 109
VK4S	4 150	VK4HD	24 103
VK4ATN	26 145	VK4BTO	13 102
VK4LN	11 141	VK4AHA	15 103
VK4W	14 140	VK4H	19 101
VK4E	7 139	VK4IG	8 100
VK4PF	18 137	VK4SO	15 100
VK4RW	23 135	VK4L	17 100
VK4DD	6 128	VK4JUP	30 100

C.W.

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK4BZ	8 314	VK4FH	31 324
VK4KB	10 300	VK4RF	11 320
VK4B	6 308	VK4H	27 310
VK4FH	15 301	VK4YD	27 323
VK4J	89 311	VK4EK	3 322
VK4S	18 316	VK4H	25 318
VK4SE	45 372	VK4PL	25 318
VK4EO	2 370	VK4JM	13 310
VK4K	35 368	VK4JO	44 316
VK4BZ	22 359	VK4H	24 314
VK4RU	18 355	VK4DA	7 313
VK4CN	1 351	VK4LZ	17 313
VK4W	15 351	VK4C	13 307
VK4SA	28 350	VK4KK	41 307
VK4BO	32 350	VK4KW	40 304
VK4QL	26 346	VK4B	43 304
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VK4KO	43 344	VK4PG	46 303
VK4GV	4 343	VK4APA	14 301
VK4B	4 342	VK4NG	17 301
VK4XN	30 338	VK4ZO	32 301
VK4JE	21 337	VK4RK	22 300
VK4VL	38 335	VK4RW	47 300

OPEN

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK4BZ	4 324	VK4LC	55 318
VK4BAC	32 320	VK4B	17 316
VK4HR	7 311	VK4VQ	46 316
VK4PJ	32 300	VK4BW	53 316
VK4B	16 300	VK4DA	43 314
VK4JE	13 300	VK4B	16 313
VK4NS	16 309	VK4BO	38 311
VK4HG	18 301	VK4MM	49 311
VK4B	10 300	VK4B	27 310
VK4RK	13 301	VK4BZ	24 310
VK4DI	2 300	VK4KK	54 300
VK4BZ	13 300	VK4B	15 300
VK4XK	1 287	VK4KR	55 307
VK4KS	45 307	VK4YL	11 306
VK4W	45 306	VK4BZ	59 306
VK4GW	28 303	VK4W	38 306
VK4RW	52 305	VK4WT	59 305
VK4LN	50 304	VK4VN	18 304
VK4FL	26 303	VK4L	27 304
VK4WF	60 301	VK4PT	44 304
VK4RT	41 301	VK4PW	50 304
VK4MC	4 300	VK4B	15 303
VK4OP	18 307	VK4TB	39 303
VK4DK	43 307	VK4PT	27 303
VK4ED	22 306	VK4BZ	51 303
VK4ZD	25 303	VK4RK	57 303
VK4JI	33 301	VK4TY	38 302
VK4ARA	9 300	VK4B	51 301
VK4B	12 300	VK4B	39 300
VK4PG	47 304		

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE VIC. DIV. W.I.A.

Under ideal weather conditions, the Annual Convention of the Division was held at Ballarat on the week-end of November 27-28, 1964. Proceedings opened with a general assembly at the shack of 3AMH, which is a brand new one and located on one of the highest points of Ballarat, being 1,700 feet above sea level. After all had received their accommodation, preparations were made for the Dinner and Convention. Approximately 80 members sat down to an excellent repast, but before all could do justice to the meal, the ladies and children retired to the main dining hall so as to make room for the "Old man," owing to the seating accommodation being overtaxed. The usual toasts were honored and received.

The business side of the Convention got away to a good start, there being 25 items which meant a long sitting. However, by good judgment on the part of the President, everything went along smoothly. The debates were well spoken and the outcome of the business will be for the good of members. The Kinnear Trophy for 1953-4 was won by the North East Zone and the President of the Division called on the President of the Zone to come forward to receive it, but unfortunately he could not be found, the result being that the trophy will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Zone in due course. At 11.15 p.m. the President closed the Convention, then the ladies, having returned from the pictures, joined with the "O.M.s." at supper.

Members were most delighted to welcome the President of the VK2 Division, Jim 2YC, accompanied by Vice-President Charlie 2AWQ, Hon. Secretary Harry 2ACH, and Council member Vince 2YC. Other VK3 members and visitors were: Chas. Godden and Frank "Titch" man, from Mildura; Graham and Mrs. Colley, from Traralgon; Keith Scott, Maffra; Neil Hamilton, from Coleraine; Jim Heard, from Wangaratta; Clyde

Case, travelling from Birchip, unfortunately for him his car broke down at Stawell and he could not proceed to Ballarat.

Some of the highlights were: Bob 3IC came equipped with tx hunting gear on his motor bike; some was named him "The man from Mars." Jack's (3VZ) rx broke down just as he was on the hidden tx hunt. On Sunday morning, more than half of the gathering developed hay fever. The most disappointed man at the Convention was Frank 3OF, owing to the fact that the six metre band was not open.

After the demonstrations and talk, there should be many more converts to mobile equipment. It is understood that 3SX will be one of the first. The Federal Secretary and the President of the VK2 Division had a very long session, evidently talking Institute matters. Don 3ALQ and party had the misfortune to loose their 7 Mc. xtal, thus depriving them from taking part in the Scramble.

In summing up, the Convention was an unqualified success, thereby proving the policy of running them in the country centres. Special praise goes to Bill Sadler and members of the South Western Zone.

On Sunday, the social side of the Convention opened with all hands at the shack of 3AMH. More car loads of visitors arrived for the day's doings and a count of cars revealed 35. A hidden tx hunt started the day's activities, and after much turning of loops, those who were participants, moved off. Several members went on a tour of the S.E.C. power station and the remainder went on a bus tour of the city. Unfortunately for the hunters, the tx "went on the blink" just after the start and any one had to be procured in a hurry, however all went well.

After lunch, the assembly point was the Botanical Gardens, one of the show

places of Victoria. Here things really got going, numerous cars were equipped with l.f. and v.h.f. gear and the boys "went to town." A "contest" was held, with one station at a time, 10 minutes being allowed to make as many contacts as possible on any band. A treasure hunt for the children resulted in much fun for them, and the guessing of a tuned circuit provided many weird answers. After the prizes were distributed and the usual camera barrage had their go, the cars made their way home, with everybody having had a wonderful time.

It would be an idea if a "Get Together" with other Divisions could be arranged at some suitable time and place, as it seems that a closer liaison could be a distinct advantage to all members of the W.I.A.



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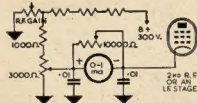
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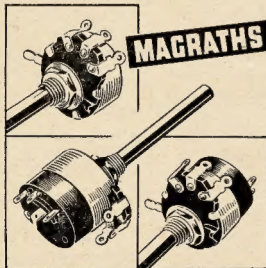
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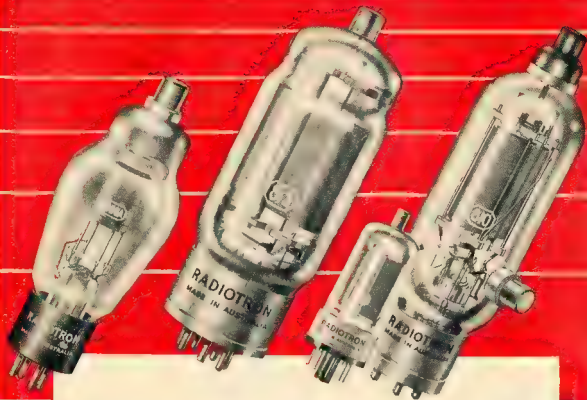
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Aden & Socotra Is. (21)	VS9	Egypt (34)	(MD5) SU
Afghanistan (21)	YA	Eire (Irish Free State) KI	
Alaska (1)	KL7	England (14)	G
Albania (15)	ZA	Eritrea (37)	16, ET2, M3
Aldebra Islands (39)		Ethiopia (37)	ET3
Algeria (33)	FA	Faeroes, The (14)	OY
Anderson & Nicobar Is. (26)	VU5	Falkland Islands (13)	VP8
Andorra (14)	PK, TB4	Fanning Is., Wash'ton Is.	
Anglo-Egypt Sudan (34)	ST	Christmas Is. (31)	VR3
Angola (36)	CR6	Fiji Islands (32)	VR2
Antarctica (13, 29, 30)		Finland (15)	OH
VK1, CE7, LU, VP8		Formosa (24)	C3
Argentina (13)	LU	France (14)	F
Ascension Island (36)	ZD8	French Equa. Africa (36)	PF
Australia (inc. Tas.) (29, 30)	VK	French Indo-China (28)	FI
Austria (15)	MB9	French Oceania (Tahiti) FO	
Azores Islands (14)	CT2	French West Africa (35)	FF
Bahama Islands (8)	VP7	Fridtjof Nansen Land (Franz Josef Land) (40)	UA1
Bahrain Island (21)	MP4B	Galapagos Is. (10)	(HC8)
Baker, Howland & Am. Phoenix Is. (31)	KB8	Gambia (35)	ZD3
Baleares Islands (14)	EA8	Germany (14, 15) DJ, DL, DM	
Barbados (8)	VP6	Gibraltar (14)	ZB2
Basutoland (38)	ZS9	Gilbert, Ellice & Ocean Is. (31)	VR1
Bechuanaaland (36)	ZS9	Goo (Portu. India) (22)	CR8
Belgian Congo (36)	CG5	Gold Coast (and British Togoland) (35)	ZD4
Belgium (14)	OB	Greece (20)	SV
Bermuda Islands (5)	VP9	Greenland (40)	OX
Bhutan (22)		Guadeloupe Bay (8)	FG
Bolivia (10)	CP	Guantanamo Bay (8)	KG4
Bonin & Volcano Is. (Iwo Jima) (27)	KA0	Guatemala (7)	TG
Borneo, Brit Neth. (28)	ZC5	Guiana, British (9)	VP3
Borneo, Netherl'ds (28)	PK5	Guiana, French, and Guiana, French, and	
Brazil (11)	PY	Iniini (9)	FY
Brunei (28)	VS5	Guiana, Netherlands (Surinam) (9)	PZ
Bulgaria (20)	9B3	Guinea, Portuguese (35)	CR5
Burma (26)	XZ	Guinea, Spanish (35)	EA0
Cameroons, French (36)	FE	Haiti (8)	HH
Canada (2, 3, 4, 5)	VE, VO	Hawaiian Islands (31)	KH6
Canal Zone (7)	KZ5	Heard Island (39)	VK1
Canary Islands (33)	EA8	Honduras (7)	HR
Cape Verde Is. (35)	CR4	Honduras, British (7)	VP1
Caroline Islands (27)	KC8	Hong Kong (24)	V58
Cayman Islands (8)	VP5	Hungary (15)	HA
Celebes & Molucca Is. (28)	PK6	Iceland (40)	TF
Ceylon (22)	4S7, VS7	Imi (33)	EA9
Chagos Islands (39)	VQ8	India (22)	VU
Channel Islands (14)	GC	Iran (21)	EP, EQ
Chile (12)	CE	Iraq (21)	(MD6) YI
China (23, 24)	C	Ireland, Northern (14)	GI
Christmas Is. (29)	ZC3	Isle of Man (14)	GD
Clipperton Is. (7)	FO7	Israel (20)	4X4
Cocos Island (7)	T19	Italy (15)	I
Cocos Islands (28)	VK1, ZC2	Jamaica (8)	VP5
Colombia (9)	HK	Jan Mayen Is. (40)	LA, LB
Comoro Islands (38)	FB8	Japan (25)	KA, JA
Cook Islands (32)	ZK1	Jarvis and Palmyra Is. (31)	KP6
Corsica (15)	FC	Java (28)	PK
Costa Rica (7)	TI	Johnston Island (31)	KJ6
Crete (20)	SV	Kenya (37)	VQ4
Cuba (8)	CM, CO	Kerguelon Is. (39)	FB8
Cyprus (20)	(MD7) ZC4	Korea (25)	HL
Czechoslovakia (15)	OK	Kuwait (21)	(VT1) MP4K
Denmark (14)	OZ	Laccadive Is. (22)	VU4
Dodecanese Is. (Rhodes) (20)	SV5	Lebanon (20)	OD5, AR8
Dominican Republic (8)	HI	Leeward Is. (8)	VP2
Easter Island (12)	CE0	Liberia (35)	LL
El Salvador (10)	HC	Libya (34)	5A1, 5A2, 5A3, (MC1, MD1, MD2, MT2)

Liechtenstein (14)	HE1	Saudi Arabia (Hebjaz & Nejd) (21)	HZ
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Maldives Islands (22)	V59	Solomon Is. (28)	VR4
Malta (15)	ZB1	Somaliand, Brit. (37)	VQ6
Manchuria (24)	C9	Somaliand, French (37)	FL
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Marshall Islands (31)	KX6	South Orkney Is. (13)	VP8
Matinique (8)	FM	South Sandwich Is. (13)	VP8
Mauritius (39)	VQ8	South Shetland Is. (13)	VP8
Mexico (6)	XE, XF	Southwest Africa (36)	ZS3
Midway Island (31)	KM6	Soviet Union:	
Miquelon and St. Pierre Is. (5)	FP	Europ. R.S.F.S.R. (15, 16, 17)	UA1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Monac (14)	3A1, 3A2	Attic R.S.F.S.R. (17, 18, 19, 25)	UA9, 0
Monchuria Rep. (Outer) (23)	(JT)	Ukraine (18)	UB5
Morocco, French (33)	CN8	Belorus'n S.S.R. (16)	UC2
Morocco, Spanish (33)	EA8	Azerbaijan (21)	UD6
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New Caledonia (32)	PJ	Tadzhik (17)	UJ8
New Guinea, Nether. (28)	PK7, JZ	Kazakh (17)	UL7
New Guinea, Territory of (28)	VK9	Kirghiz (17)	UM8
New Hebrides (32)	FU, YJ	Karelo-Finnish Re-public (16)	UN1
New Zealand (32)	ZL	Moldavia (16)	UO5
Nicaragua (7)	YN	Lithuania (15)	UP2
Nigeria (35, 36)	ZD2	Latvia (15)	UQ2
Niue (34)	ZK2	Estonia (15)	UR2
Norfolk Island (32)	VX9	Spain (14)	EA
Norway (14)	LA, LB	Sumatra (28)	PK4
Nyassaland (37)	ZD6	Svalbard (Spitzbergen) (40)	LA, LB
Oman, Sultanate (21)	V59	Swan Island (7)	KS4
Oman, Trucial (21)	VS9, MP4H	Swaziland (38)	ZS7
Pakistan (22)	AP	Sweden (14)	SL, SM
Palau (Pelew) Is. (27)	KC8	Switzerland (14)	HB
Palestine (20)	ZC6, ZC8	Syria (20)	YK
Panama (7)	HP	Tanganyika Ter. (37)	VQ3
Papua Territory (28)	VK9	Tangier Zone (33)	
Paraguay (11)	ZP	EK, KT1, CN2	
Pey (10)	OA	Tannu Tuva Rep. (28)	UA0
Philippine Islands (27)	DU	Tibet (22)	AC4
Pitcairn Island (32)	VR6	Timor Portuguese (28)	CR10
Poland (15)	SP	Togoland, French (35)	FD
Portugal (14)	CT1	Tokelau (Union) Is. (31)	VR5
Principe and Sao Thome Is. (36)	CR5	Tonga (Fiji) Is. (32)	VR5
Puerto Rico (8)	KP4	Transjordan (20)	ZC1, YJ
Qatar (21)	MP4Q	Trieste (15)	AG2, MP2
Reunion Island (39)	FR7	Trinidad & Tobago (9)	VP4
Rhodesia, North. (36)	VQ2	Tristan da Cunha and Gough Is. (38)	ZD9
Rhodesia, South. (38)	ZE	Tunisia (33)	(FT) 3V8
Rio de Oro (33)	EA9	Turkey (20)	TA
Rumania (20)	YO	Turks & Caicos Is. (8)	VP8
Ryukyu Is. (Okin.) (28)	KR6	Uganda (37)	VQ5
Saarlund (15)	9S4	Union of S. Africa (38)	ZS
St. Helena (39)	ZD7	United States of Amer-ica (3, 4, 5)	WN, K, W
St Paul & New Amsterdam Is. (39)	FB8	Uruguay (13)	OK
Salvador (7)	YS	Vatican City State (15)	HV
Samoa, American (32)	K56	Venezuela (9)	YV
Samoa, Western (32)	ZM	Virgin Islands (8)	KV4
San Andres and Providencia Archipelago		Wake Island (31)	KW6
San Marino (15)	(M1)	Wales (14)	GW
Sarawak (28)	VS4	Wallis Island (32)	PW8
Sardinia (15)	IS	Windward Is. (8, 9)	VP2
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SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' SECTION*

Hello chaps! Well things are looking up. As you all know by now, last month's issue of "A.R." proved a big surprise. S.W.'s have been allotted a section of the magazine for their own use. To hold this section, we must prove to the Editor that the swl can make itself into an essential cog in the wheel of Amateur Radio and assist in accurate reports of Amateur transmissions throughout the world.

To keep this page on its feet, we must receive from s.w.'s anywhere throughout VK land regular monthly reports of your activities. If you have any ideas which would assist other fellow s.w.'s, then send them along to me. If possible we will publish each month besides the reports of s.w.'s progress and band activity. Hints and ideas that we think would assist you in your hobby. So chaps, how about it, you are the pioneers in this new section of the Wireless Institute of Australia

VK3 S.W.I. MEETING

The members of the VKI Division S.w.I Group met in the club rooms, 191 Queen Street, at 2.15 EST. Among those present were Len Poynter President, and Secretary Gerrard Lane and Arthur 3AED. After the reading of the minutes we welcomed the following new members to the Group. They are Ian Woodman, Grahame Daw David Tanner, and A. Harris. Welcome to the Group chaps, and I do hope that you will receive lots of happy hours with

Meeting Dates for the first term of 1955 will be at 8 p.m. as follows: January—Tuesday, 25th; February—Tuesday, 22nd; March—Tuesday, 29th. Keep these dates free. All new faces will be welcomed.

N. W. L. CONTEST

Open To All Sw.J's. Throughout VK

Discussion also took place regarding our first Contest, which is to be held from 1st January. The Contest will take the following form. Contest time will be between 0601 GMT, 1st January 1988, and will close at 2359 GMT on

* John Wilson, 37 Baymont St., Alphington, Vic.

30th March. Closing date for receipt of QSLs will be last mail to arrive on the day of 30th June. Results will be made available over JWI on Sunday, 10th July at 1130 hours and will be published in "A.R." for the month of August.

There will be four sections in which you will be able to enter.

Section One—Largest number of QSLs received from Amateur Stations throughout the world and dated between 1st January and 30th March, 1955.

Section Two.—Largest number of QSLs received on the Broadcast Short Wave bands between 3 and 30 Mc.

Section Three—Largest number of QSLs received from **Overseas Broadcast Stations** operating between 550 and 1650 Kc.

Section Four: Largest number of QSLs received from all Sections combined in the form of a grand total.

Awards will be given to the winners of each Section. QSLs may be in the form of cards or letters of verification.

The Contest is open to all S.W.'s throughout Australia and overseas.
If you intend to enter, send your name and QTH to the Contest Committee (S.W.I. Group), W.I.A. Rooms, 191 Queen St., Melbourne, C.

NEWS ON THE AMATEUR BANDS

21 Mc. News of this band over the past weeks proves quite good. From Frank Nolan and Jeff Morris, the following reports are to hand: KH6ZA, KH6AVH, KH6AVQ—all at \$9

signals, W2JAC. M.A.R.S. stations heard were A13AO, A13AH, A14AA, A12AA plus many ZLs from 87 to 98 signals.

14 Me. Over the last few weeks 20 mix has been excellent between 1200 and 1500 GMT Frank and Jeff heard KA2RR KA2AK JASCA

KAZNY, KAZAZ, KATJM, KATYA, KHSL,
KHEAQ, KHEAXH, KKBZB, KITFAF, KRBZ,
KREAF, KREOU, KRBQG, KREAG, WJYJ

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 From Gerrard Lane, ZLIC. KHSL. JATK.
 WHIS. KVAV. VSIF. ZLCH. LUPF.
 Gordon Heburn, of VKZ. KHBY. BL. KAZYA.
 KVAF. KTWX. HKPC. HC2R. HFPL.
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 tion, 2ZS. 2AS. 4DF. FKAK. ZM0AT.
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 CN8S. ZC9DR. OK3WD. Z15W. CQIC.

BROADCAST SHORT WAVE BANDS

From Gerrard Lane: Reported from U.S.A. that KCBR is operating on 640 Mc with an S9 signal at 2100 hours EST. Radio Indonesia on 940 Mc. at 2125 EST. TCNA Guatemala on 9675 Mc with S9 at 2115 EST.

A new one is KNHR (V.O.A. on 9.50 Mc. at 2000 with an 8S signal. Programme at this hour is in English. Radio Moscow is now open at 10.15 and 11.77 Mc between the hours of 2010-2030. The new station from Australia is now operating on 4.97 Mc at 2145 with quite strong signals. KRCA V.O.A. on 6.65 Mc at 2300 EST. A new news is YDF in Indonesia on 8.48 Mc. at 2255 with programme in English from the U.S.A. and Indonesia is on 5.010 and 4.810 Mc. at 2215 and 2240 respectively. Radio Australia's outlet VJCN on 17.840 Mc is quite good at 2155 EST. GSV in Britain on 17.810 Mc. In the European Ser-

This station has had QRN. It is heard R4-88.
WJMG, the Greek Network, is heard on week

WLWO, the Crosby Network, is heard on week days on 1140 Mc nt 0745 EST at RA 88. DX session is heard from 0715 on Sundays. Ver-

lication from this station is by card OL82B
is heard week nights at 1645 EST on 11.750 Mc
at strength S7-8.

Once again the New Year is with us and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a.w.l's everywhere pleasant DX for 1977 and may you all be blessed with a new

1955 and may you all be blessed with a very happy New Year. 73 to you all.—John Wilson.

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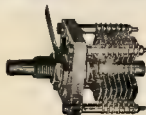
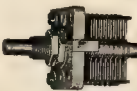
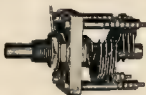
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FEDERAL, QSL, and DIVISIONAL NOTES

FEDERAL

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the old year closes, and the new year opens, Federal Council and Federal Executive wish to offer Season's Greetings to all who are connected with the world of Amateur Radio both within the Institute and without.

The New Year is a time of looking both ways. Back at past achievements and forward to projected ones. In this regard it is appropriate to express special thanks to that staunch band of workers who make our Institute the success it is. The Wireless Institute, Federal Contest Committee, QSL Managers, Correspondents, Traffic Officers, and hosts of others play a very important part in the smooth running of a complex unit. Each and all deserve particular commendation.

Much has been accomplished during 1954 to make the radio hobby even more interesting. It is with confidence that the Wireless Institute of Australia awaits the developments of 1955.

T.V.I. BOOKS

With increased activity in planning for t.v., it is also significant that Amateurs should plan in order to avoid giving interference to this new medium.

Federal Executive has just landed a shipment of Remington Rand's latest book on t.v. This contains data invaluable in overcoming interference and is a splendid addition to the Amateur's technical library.

Those members desiring the latest edition are asked to send a letter to the Federal Secretary enclosing f.d. in stamps, and a copy will be forwarded.

U.N.F.-V.N.F. DISTANCE RECORDS

In another section of the Magazine will be found the first of the v.h.f.-u.h.f. records.

These are in no way complete and as information is sent from Divisions, these will be amended. Members are requested to notify their Divisional Secretary of outstanding performances in order that a complete S.A. and Federal Listing may be prepared for a later issue of "A.R."

FED. CONTEST COMMITTEE

The Contest Committee met on the 23rd November at the residence of the Secretary, R.D. and had the pleasure of unpacking the Ross Hull Trophy as the opening business of the month meeting. The Committee were most impressed with the trophy and were unanimous in the opinion that F.E. had certainly done a good job, and deserved all the remarks that had been passed during the week when the trophy had been on display in the window of Gerard and Goodman in Rundle Street. Now goes without saying that this Committee endorses the action in the rules of the Ross Hull Memorial Contest that alludes to a trophy.

Correspondence produced several letters of interest, one being from the VK3 Division containing the number of licensed Amateurs in that Division for the purpose of the R.D. Contest, one from the Editor of the New Zealand magazine regarding the lateness of the trophy received by him in connection with the Ross Hull Contest, and one from Federal Executive. We were pleased to receive the letter from VK3, and we are taking the necessary steps to expedite the Ross Hull Contest so as to reach the maximum of 21 Amateurs in time for the Contest, and we left the letter from F.E. for consideration until later.

Certificates for all Contests in the past are now in the post, and we would be pleased to hear from any Amateur who still is without a certificate for any Contest that he considers entitled to. Help us to help you. In this regard, don't wince to your fellow Amateur, wings to us; we have been winged to by experts and we thrive on it.

It was agreed by the Committee that the four winners of the previous Ross Hull Contest Trophy should hold the trophy for a period of six months each and then return it to the Committee who would despatch it to the next winner for two months. When this period for the four winners has been completed, then the trophy will be ready for presentation to the 1954 winner, who will hold it for the full year as stated in the rules of the Contest.

It is unfortunate that each of the four winners cannot hold it for the full twelve months but it is felt that they will understand the

difficulty and be only too pleased to co-operate with us. Incidentally, the four winners are SQR, SMC, 4WZ and 4BO in that order. The trophy is to be photographed and then will be despatched immediately to Reg SQR who, incidentally, is a member of the Contest Committee.

FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

RAY JOHNS, VKEL, MANAGER

Bill Storer, VK1EG, at Mawson, had knocked up 38 countries up to 3rd December. Bill is fed up with the tactics employed by Amateurs in a few countries. While he is QSO other stations, they keep calling repeatedly and if no QSO results, they commence long CQs on the frequency. Early in January most of the personnel are going up the fiord about 30 miles on the ice wall exploring. Roy VK4FJ, who is handling the CQs, angle for Bill, reports that he is right up to date and all cards received have been answered by the same route as they came in, excepting those which arrived by air-mail without return airmail postage being included. These have gone out either surface mail or via Bureau.

VK3DKD, using 500 watts to a long wire, seeks VK contacts on 80 m. The call sign is that of the R.C.A.F. at Camp Borden, Ontario. All contacts will be QSL'd. Other stations on 80 m seeking VK contacts are W2PZO, of Larchmont, N.Y., using a kw. to a pair of 20HT feeding an end fed long wire, and W4PVE, of Lanesboro, Ill., using 200 watts to a 536 feet long wire fed at 133 feet.

Fred Sellert, ZL2MY, now 73 years old and of course retired, spends much time chasing contacts on 7 and 14 Mc. c.w., but he also welcomes VK contacts and requests direct QSLs to his new QTH at 4 Plymouth Street, Palmerston North.

Treb. BE9RS commences two months four-furlong from Xmas 1954, and plans a mail tour of VK3 and VK4 for most of the period.

Geoff Warner has been allotted the call sign of VK3AVV, with QTH C/o. O.T.C. Radio Receiving Centre, Bringley, N.S.W. He is settling in well, but has lost work on hand, so is giving Amateur Radio a miss for some time.

Frank Anser, VK3WV (now F/sgt, congrats), states he knocked back a southern posting, desiring to stay at Moremore for a little while longer. He is anxious to move to the C.C. before leaving, but says DX is poor and to date has only 33 confirmed and not many outstanding. That was in early November, so possible by now is much nearer the centre. He says they have a round up on 7000 Kc. each Sunday morning with eight stations taking part.

The J.A.R.L. advise of their decision to issue seven new certificates. All claims must be sent to the Overseas Committee, J.A.R.L., Box 377, Tokyo, accompanied by verifications by registered post. After checking they will be returned by registered mail with the award. All authorized bands may be used. C.w. or Phone is permissible. Contacts must be with Japanese nationals only and must date after July 30, '53.

Details of the transmitting awards are set out herewith and the figures in parenthesis indicate the number of letters to be received. It is hoped that a recommendation can be made with the W.I.A. so that a recommendation will be sufficient for the award(s) and thus avoid the postage and possible loss of cards. They are also planning an Asian DX award, details of which will be supplied at a later date.

A.J.D. (All Japan Districts)—Contact with one station in each of 18 JA call areas (10 I.R.C.).

W.A.J.A. (Worked All Japan Prefectures)—Contact with all of the 46 prefectures (30 I.R.C.). J.C.C. (Japan Century Cities)—Contact with 100 different cities. There are 320 cities in Japan (18 I.R.C.).

The remaining four awards are for listeners. (Details would be welcomed by s.w.f.—Ed.)

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of—

Alex. W. Kelly, VK5XO—November, 1954.

W. A. MacGregor, VK9MC.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The November meeting of the Wireless Institute of Australia (N.S.W. Div.) was held at the usual venue on 26/11/54, and in the absence of the President, the chair was ably taken by Vice-President, Bill 2YB, with Stan 2EL acting as Secretary. Visitors welcomed to our midst were W4VVU/MM, Edinboro; Greg 2ANP, Cyril Ribbe, Bob Ridgely, 212AR, Lionel Donald, and Harry 2AGU. Apologies were received from 2ACH, 2YC, 2AWQ, and 2ACD.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by VK4ED, John Roeder, who took as his subject "Communications as applied to the Sydney Department of Civil Aviation Telecommunication Centre," and he proceeded to illustrate the progress made in this field here in Australia and to outline the methods of operation at the major airports in this country, leaving all with the thought that Australian Radio Engineers have placed up at the peak of effec-

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Following the lecture, a vote of thanks was tendered by Mr. Magee and the general appreciation of Mr. Hooks' efforts were shown in the usual manner.—IFA.

SYDNEY SUBURBS

There is plenty of activity on most hands at present, but conditions have not always been too kind. AIBO is heard working the night round, PKA is in Mm but it is found out it does not do so. Sals is found of other work up there. The congratulations of all go out to Alf, Ted's brother, on his success in the O.C.P. examination recently, and we all hope that he will be free from the hospital. Luck Alf, ZAGW works the G boys the long way round with gusto as in days of old, does it nicely the other way as well, do hear from him. Sals is in Mm, but he is not sleeping, goes QRT at 11 p.m., but his echo lingers, his ZAPT, ZFA, ZACD still after DX, all beams appear to be working well, but Morris is not able to get the beams and at the same time decontaminating a v.f.o.

RAAB in between looking after the library
is on 21 Mc. occasionally. RAKV and ZAGH
are heard again on 30 max. but operation by the
tower is also on 21 Mc. This looks like a good
idea. The 21 Mc. is a very good frequency for
matters. 1Y1 appears to be busy with shift
work, while his cobber ZOU is really going to
town with the new beam. IFM gets out nicely
has a new set-up now, shifted the 1x since he
was in hospital and visited ZOU. He has
other parts and meanwhile his XT Betty had
been ill in hospital but much improved on
this date. ZJN also in hospital and it appears
will be there many weeks; all wish you the
best. The 21 Mc. has been the same game fishing
since the trip north with Gred. At least
did catch something.

The following notes sent by INO, who is still going strong. SASE is due to appear at any moment with a new rig for 2 mks, says XYL goes him that everyone else is on sea. INO is not sure if he is in the coastal area in the meantime. Latest station to appear in this Eastern sector of the Metropolis seems to be Max SOE who has nice phone on 80 mks. INO is not sure if he is in the coastal area, where we are on the edge of the sea and where the Westerners don't normally point their Yagis. INO has plans to break out on 144.65 Mc, but is steadily progressing with a new rig to get the pip squeak at present in use on 144.63 Mc

A letter to hand from ex-G8PO, Ted Ironmonger, Lieut. Comdr., tells of his now restricted Amateur activity. Ted is serving on that mighty battleship, HMS Vanguard, and has been hearing VK stations loudly on 31 Mc. Even though Vanguard's captain is an Amateur (G8LI) it simply isn't done to tune one of those QRO Naval tx on to Amateur bands and call CQ DX. Ted may be heard however in the near future from his home in Nottinghamshire.

A newcomer in the Bondi area soon to take the air is Ken Squires who has passed his A.O.C.P. congrats old chap he was aided on the c.w. by Andy 2AX to whom his thanks go. Does anyone know if 2XB is still interested in Amateur Radio? At one time Tom's as was a familiar signal on the c.w. DX bands from the Bondi area. Tom may be busy with plans connected with large sized c.w.'s.

Heads assembly with 30 mHz 12A.B., along with other activities. Vince 2A.B. has paid a visit to 2 mX, usually on 20 mHz, with his brass pounding on 20 mX. There is something to the c.w. side of DX work which youths who sneer at smoke signals can never understand. The OT's grew up that way with radio, and an infant and the kick is still there, despite the fact that the elevated location would be a cinch for 2 mX. Don 3PU is planning to use skeleton aloft for a new 2 mX beam in the Rose Ray location. ZEM recently paid a visit to 2NO, but does not appear to be interested in 2 mX activity.

VKI MEMBERS VISIT BALLARAT, VIC.

Hon. Secretary Harry ZACH, Vice-President Charlie ZAWQ, President Jim ZVC, and Vince ZAVQ attended the VKJ State Convention Ballarat Leaving Sydney at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, they breakfasted with the ZEU's at Albany visited Don ZHS, and arrived at Ballarat at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday After going by a "whor" to visit the VKJ State Convention Charlie ZAWQ and Jim ZVC were the first to arrive at the party to traverse the route since the days of the very early explorers like Hume and Hovell but Charlie insists the VKJs drive good cars along it.

A most enjoyable 24 hours was spent at the VKI Convention where the VKI Hon. Sec.

ZACH, me, his opposite numbers in VK3 and on F.E., and Charlie and Jim renewed old friendships, and everybody became up to date on W.I.A. affairs of VK3, VK3 and F.E. The type of Convention, the enthusiasm and the kind of the atmosphere of the Convention was a revelation to the visitors, while the organisation could not be surpassed. The hospitality to the VK3s was the "usual VK3 standard—A1 and How!" Twenty-four hours, unfortunately, soon passed and it was time to say good-bye. Our representatives were being farewelled on their way home, leaving John ZAQF, of Deniliquin, to represent VK3 till the end of the Convention.

Neville McCN spoke of the good roads to, and the beauties of, Bendigo, so the Chev. was headed in that direction on its way back to Albury. At one stage, the President NYC managed to get a glance at ZAWQ's jealously guarded map of Victoria and found he was west of Hay, in NSW, but was assured that "things were different" down in VK3 and we were "heading" for Albury alright.

Near Benalla a shirt developed in the ignition while the car was in gear for a period of very intense activity before the engine stalled and the car came to a halt. Smoke ceased pouring from underneath the bonnet. After supper at 230's, at Albury, where we had dinner, the car was examined and was affected and was demonstrated how necessary it is, in addition to two driver/mechanics and a 24V and a 24VQ, and a registered chemist to provide headlamps, a 24V, a 24VQ, a 24VQ and carstick tablets (2YC) to have an electrical control like Vince Vics 30 to repair the car wiring, which we feel is a very important part of the car broken down again—yet. Thanks to the two back seat "navigators" Harry and Charlie who failed me, even excellently at times—like the time on the "get the gas" trip. Wasn't he annoyed when the navigators refused time off to drive back and get it. The Hon. Mr. Justice Gummow, who is a very good driver and it is agreed that 2YC work out a diet chart for him on our next trip.

Arrived home Monday at 11:30 a.m. after our 8 a.m. start, tired and happy—well, some happy, some not so happy. You see out near Camden, Charlie, coasting along at 60 odd, was passed by a beautiful blonde vision in a sky blue Spacemaster, and we never saw her or the car again. Harry feels strongly that is a reflection on "the old girl" as he terms the Chev., but Charlie points out that we did at once make a wrong "30 mile an hour limit" and he holds that to a beautiful blonde that's only "another man made law," perhaps!

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

News is very scarce again this month, due I think to the QRN on 80 mx. New stations on the air this month in this zone are Andy 2W and John 2ARD at Cooma; good to hear you chaps about. Ted 2AXD, at Griffith, getting more active now. He has the Res power working OK. 2W and 2ARD will be keeping nightly slogs on 144 Mc. Stan 2AID, at a house with an appendix op. I would like to wish all in the zone and also all those outside our zone all the very best of good cheer at Xmas and a bright and happy New Year, and hoping that 1955 will be as successful as was 1954.—2AJO

HUNTER BRANCH

The November meeting of the Hunter Branch was held at 8 p.m. at the Tighes Hill Technical Centre. About 150 members were present to see the film short, "The Design of a Ship", and "R.A.F. Diary". After the general business of the meeting had been disposed of a session entitled "Crystal and Wireless" was held. A panel of "experts", namely Lionel SCA, George ZAGD, and Harold ZAHA had been appointed to answer any questions on Amateur Radio asked by any member. The questions asked were mostly about crystal filters and beams. Harry ZAPA was welcomed back to the branch after his absence. We would like to see you at the meetings most often Harry. Norm ZANA has had a week in hospital, but is OK again now.

At the Woy Woy Field Day on 21/1/84, the Hunter Branch members turned up in force and carried off a fair share of the prizes. Harold AARA won the 144 m. woy woy, the Hidden Tx Hunt on 14 m. W was found simultaneously by Ken 2ANU and 2AET. Mrs. Swain, KYL of Wren was a Tx, also the Push the Competition competition. The 144 m. woy woy prize for the lucky number, in the "Copying Morse through QRM" competition, Ivin 12C was first, with Ken 2KG second, the 144 m. woy woy prize was won by Ivin 2KG with Harold 2ARA second. Other Hunter Branch Amateurs and Associates sighted were 2AGD, 2ANA, 2AOR, 2AUH, 2KY, 3OT, 2XT, 1FF. Ray James, Bob Bailey, Ivin 12C and 2SF were the judges for the 144 m. woy woy. To be held on the 14th, at the Tighes Hill Technical

College, the lecturer will be Angus Robertson, and the title of his lecture will be "Some Fundamental Aspects of Aerials." The lecture for the February meeting is expected to be "Plotting the Wave Patterns of Aerials."

VICTORIA

The meeting of the VK3 Division was held on Wednesday, 1/12/54 at the usual location. Approximately 50 members plus their families were present. Various films were shown, this being considered the best form of entertainment for a family night. I wonder how many of the kiddies present had nightmares that night? Didn't sleep so well myself, but then I had a cravish supper.

Very little official business was transacted, but even then things did not wind up till after 11 p.m. We did, however, admit a few new members including Messrs. Ardern, Ferguson, Hubal and Osborne as Associates, and SAPB as a full member. Welcome fellows. May we see you at the meetings in the future.

While waiting for the show to start, an unknown person came in for a conversation. Following my usual pattern, I was curious and when he started asking awkward questions about my source of info on VK3 matters I asked him to show me the evidence. The slip as he turned out to be Brian SCAR. Mr. Parsons will never know how close to valuable info he came, nor how close his spies were to being exposed. The only person who could have come as only VK3 can. Brian tells me he came to VK3 in search of a pair of 36Gs. A less charitable type could suspect that he was looking for that ladies' if he was here, but only be following the fine example already set by you know whom.

The next A.O.C.P. class will commence on 4th February, so if any of your friends are interested in joining, tell them to contact the rooms before that date.

There will not be a meeting in January, as the Radio Theatre will be closed for the school holidays. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th February, but at the time of writing I have no indication of the agenda item.

By rights I should write up the Dinner, but as what I have heard from several who were there, least said the better. It was only indisposition that kept me away this year. From what I've heard, I'd like to see the effect of a vote of all members. Council will possibly rap my knuckles over this, but the spending of £18 on an Annual Dinner in which the majority of members obviously have no interest, appears hard to justify. After all, it is the members in general who are footing the bill, and their wishes should be ascertained.

From the grapevine I learn that the Convention was a howling success and I'm living in hopes that somebody will send me some notes on the event before the deadline for copy comes round. For the time being, we'll change the subject.

Not having been active for over a month, nor likely to be for another three or four months—not even listening—have practically no idea of what is going on apart from what I hear if I run into any of the lads round town. Which is not very often. I could appreciate anybody passing on news that may happen now. What about it Mr. I.L.?

restricted to reporting for the Vh? Group? Your assistance last month was very much appreciated.

By the time this hits print, the festive season will be right on us. Possibly it is now a little late to wish everybody a Merry Xmas, but I'm in nice time to wish one and all a very Happy New Year. May it see an improvement in conditions on the bands and new distance records on the v.h.f. bands.

METRE TRANSMITTER HUNT

An 80 m Tx Hunt was held on Sunday afternoon, 14th November, in very pleasant weather. The hunt was held in the area of this occasion by Bob JOZ, who was located in the creek bushes down the bank of the Dandenong Creek out past Mt Waverley, and was some 100 m from the road. The hunt was held on a roadway. It was quite a tricky one and it took the winners, Alf HIE and Jack SVZ, fifty-eight minutes to complete the hunt. The hunt was 10 minutes later by Eric JADU, who was followed by 10 minutes later by third, Berry JAPB and family, newcomers to the hunt and an ex-VKJ. The hunt was held on a roadway, and the way over our Victorian roads and turned up with a very broad grin on their faces a trifle later. In fact they only got there in time for the last and best shot of the hunt. The hunt was held on a roadway, and the way over our Victorian roads and turned up with a very broad grin on their faces a trifle later. In fact they only got there in time for the last and best shot of the hunt. The hunt was held on a roadway, and the way over our Victorian roads and turned up with a very broad grin on their faces a trifle later. In fact they only got there in time for the last and best shot of the hunt.

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WOOMERA RADIO CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Woomera Club was held at a capacity gathering of members, and after the usual business was disposed of, a discussion on the club's equipment was held. Existing from this discussion, it was decided to revert to the original circuitry of the tx which will facilitate its operation. The antenna wiring unit will be built on the wall and will be thus available for use with any other tx's that may be built, and it was also decided to purchase a BNC connector for the antenna. It would be available to the members for lining up their own equipment. Last, but not least, the tx is to be thoroughly overhauled and trimmed and the antenna is to be changed to much more time and nothing to do with it, they will also pull down the beam in the near future. The club has been very successful in the sale that swept through the town recently. Special mention was also made at the meeting to the many pleasant contacts that members have had with other boys who were heard and also how these contacts are looked forward to by all the operators of SWC. The Season's work was extended to all amateurs from the Club, and also that 1953 will see a repeat of the pleasant contacts of 1954.

WFL findings in with Clump tube modulation and is putting out a signal from that has to be heard to be believed, in fact they say that it is almost as good as a big tx, which speaks for itself. Apparently all of the available pieces of wood have been devoured by the infernal machine, because a terrific noise is being produced. The club is now on Ray's shack. WFL is busy working on a QRP rig to use down South in the Xmas break, and the club has told me it is correct. It is time to put a fuse in my antenna in case his signal from this rig tangles with it. John, in possession of his limited certificate and is pressing on with his "See-Wubleyou" in order to get his full certificate. Nice work John, hurry up with that c.w. then the club will be able to hear him. It will be coming good again after a fair spell, and it is hoped so. I believe that he was down in the country, but I did not see him and can only quote gossip.

The transmissions of SWI on 40 mc are received up at Woomera at extra good strength and also the re-broadcast on 80 mc is peaking to 80. Another signal that makes the SWC shack shudder at times is that of SEF from Gawler. IAX used to be heard from Gawler at the same shuddering strength, but he has practically kibernetized up in his 4 mc beam and doesn't shudder any more.

Just to prove that I am on the air on 40 mc, I have been keeping an ear open for SWC myself, and you can hear a signal from them. It is possible that I am listening at the wrong times, but I don't think so. It would give me great pleasure to hear a signal from them. Shuddering signals into Woomera, and daily give me w.r. rig a pep talk in this regard. Skip everything down Ron, you never can tell with me.

SOUTH EAST AREAS

NCR is still building, but the shack is now almost completed and there should be a lot more activity from Claude in the near future. He is a very nice fellow, and a good one for boys, but of course that is of no interest to me and is only included in my notes to annoy the A.I.T. scribe. BTW, another one who has heard 3 mc occasionally, but from all reports to hand, Tom has been fairly busy keeping the wolf from the door and has not had time for Amateur Radio. He is also earning the reputation of SJA, but as John is a keen member, present at the monthly meetings and has been down at the club, and the position proudly held by the other John. After all, he must still have his share of interest to contend with.

SJA, as my typewriter automatically prints, still has nothing to report. I still include John in these notes each month in the hope that I will make him really sit down and find his place in the air in self preservation. So far, so good. SKU is quite pleased with the world of contacts he has made recently. From his head, I heard more in the R.D. Contest. Erg must per-

tainly have stuck to that key in earnest to have run up such a high score in the c.w. section. Nice work OM. SMS is another one who has reason to feel pleased with himself on the outcome of the contest. He has been very busy and we hope that Stuart will put the tube that he won, as the VK3 highest score, to good use. To those who are interested in the contest, the SCJ is finding 40 mc much more suitable for keeping skeds and renewing acquaintances with the boys, as say nothing of the better conditions existing there. The boys have not yet seen any mention of the fire fighting lately Col. Have you cleaned up all the faults in the operation? The S.D. boys hope to welcome the first of their limited call signs very shortly in the person of Les McGrath, who has passed the exam and is waiting for his call sign to go. Welcome to the air Les, and hope to hear you some day. Of course you realize that you are one of Gordon's "SKU" mob as yet, but I know that you will be long in becoming one of my mob. Col. Will explain the reason for the snobbery on my part!

Mount Gambler is being declared a city in January, and great will be the celebrations thereof, with the English cricketers visiting the town, or city, as the case may be, also the Australian squids. In view of this, it was suggested at the monthly meeting of the boys that it would be a good idea for the R.D. boys to come on display at Mount Gambler for this particular week, both as a gesture to SMS and SKU for their good work in the contest, and also as a means of getting some good publicity for Amateur Radio. At the moment of writing, I am not able to say if this could be arranged, but I feel that it would be a very good idea. It will certainly be a good idea. Here's hoping!

It is customary for the various scribes at this time of the year to close their Divisional notes with a few words to the boys. I have just passed and to the year that has just commenced. This, of course, permits such brilliant and artistic journalists as VK2, who writes for the Division that I am writing to the honour of being President, if only for ten minutes, to launch into a flow of words which must be either too long or too short, or both, the elbow in sheer jealousy, and decide immediately to cease writing for the magazine until the next time. I am sure that the boys, such competition, and also the fact that I am a man of few words all right, all right. I am sure that I point I sincerely wish all and sundry a happy new year, with wealth, health, and happiness, to you and yours. May the coming year bring you all the DX that you wish for, and also, by the way, may the coming year lead all Divisions to achieve the high standards already attained by the present President, I believe, and I believe it is that? Well, that such ignorance should be in these days of free education!

I close these notes with another of my little stories, and I hope that it will be enjoyed by all, and will condense it somewhat because I don't like the look of exasperation in the dear Editor's eye. Bless Him! Once upon a time there was a island king who had a gold throne, and every night he used to haul it up to the top of his grass hut by means of a stout rope. One day, however, the gold throne came down from the roof when the cord broke and the throne fell on him and killed him. The king's son, who was a very clever boy, saw that his father was dead and that the people who live in grass houses should never throw thrones. Oh I am a one!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At the November general meeting of the Division those present listened with interest to Mr. Jack Jewell's talk on the function and purpose of the Amateur Advisory Committee. He was at a Radio Institute of the Western Branch and Chairman of the Committee in this State, could naturally speak with authority on the subject. He made a number of points about the Committee's operation which may have been in doubt in the past. A vote of thanks was made by Rolo SWR in typical style and seconded by Skipper SBC.

The second half of the programme was provided by a lecture from Ted Pease, GZ, entitled "Level Crossing Flashing Signals." Ted certainly knew his subject and with the aid of diagrams and models, made it very clear the safety angle is looked to by modern rail transport in general, and the W.A.G.R. in particular.

One of the Division's regular events held again this year was the Annual Picnic, conducted on Sunday, 21st November, at the South Perth coast. It was a very successful day, and enjoyed by those who were there, but the attendance was somewhat disappointing. The GFLA trip to Albany, and despite the fact that he had other

commitments, managed a tour of the shacks. A little mobile work on 30 Mc, was indulged in with 5WG and 6KJ, but the gear in the car was not overworked. I am also informed that GFLA will be planning to visit the State Radio! Where have you been Norm? 6MK has been heard on 7 Mc with the 5G3V, using the 14 mc beam, and the w.r. eye on the w.r. eye for hot spots! A half wave works a lot better Tom, or have you memories of an earlier effort involving 250V, a.c. and 6MK?

Joe Mc, provided an interest towards the end of November when 4EL broke through with an 88-0 signal. Since then, 10 mc converters have been rolling off the assembly line in the shack. I can almost hear the w.r. died-in-the-wool 20 Mc addicts pricking up their ears! Still, it's about time the band began to show signs of life.

Joe EFD, of Bunbury, has been doing quite well on 20 mc, judging by the stations heard calling him. A visit to SEC at Munding proved very interesting indeed. Eric was able to demonstrate his new "Station" t.v. camera tube in action. Unfortunately pictures as viewed at the house were negative, but an additional stage in the video amplifier is to be added. The phase of the signal was to be installed to correct this. On pointing the camera out of the house, the picture was almost perfect. I saw up such details as leaves blowing in the breeze, etc. Eric is certainly to be congratulated for his achievements in the field of Amateur Television.

Judging by the DX column last month, 62L, Eric's next door neighbour, has been getting much better. He has been very busy with it, and has been very successful with the Europeans on 31 Mc. 6TU to be heard looking for that new country. I am sure that, though I believe Jim has over 300 contacts, he is not date. He was also on 31 Mc for the first time a few weeks back, but I don't think an R13 line is still to be driven very much. Jimi has been active again, so conditions must be on the improve and household chores on the wane, eh Ron?

Well now's the time to wish everybody the Season's Greetings. Christmas has come and gone, but the New Year is still young, so let us hope that it will be a prosperous one, and bring lots of choice DX!

TASMANIA NORTH WESTERN ZONE

There was a combined meeting of the zone on November 10th, at the home of the name cock, where a good attendance viewed a piece of equipment, brought by Devonport members, which is intended to be used as a two-way radio for the Devonport Fire Brigade. The equipment was well designed and was built by the Devonport members of the W.I.A. and will be put into service in the near future. It has a working range of 20 or so miles. The work is a great credit to the members who built it.

It was resolved that members should organize a series of visits to the various stations, having it eliminated with the assistance of the P.M.G. in order to clear the district ready for r.f. reception.

At the meeting it was noted that two of our members were in hospital, Sam TUV has been there for some time and expects to be well again early in the New Year, and Murray YGR, who has just recently taken ill.

It is gratifying to note that two of our members have been successful in securing a Murray Diprose, who has the call of 780, and Roy Nichols, who had previously passed the licensing exam and is now awaiting his call sign. Rumours have it that TWA is making extensions to his beam with a view to adding elements for 10 and maybe 30 mc.

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